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[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS *RE*

(1) REFUSAL OF ENCASHMENT ON THE PART OF SUB-TREASURIES OF SALARY BILLS OF AIDED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN MALABAR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar has given notice of an adjournment motion to discuss a matter of urgent public importance. It runs as follows :—

'This House stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the refusal of the sub-treasuries in Malabar under direction of the Treasury Officer, Malabar, the encashment of salary bills relating to the months of November and December 1954 issued in February 1955 to teachers of all grades working in Aided Elementary Schools in Malabar which causes hardship, misery and starvation to about 16,000 teachers and their families.'

" Just now, two minutes ago, I have admitted a short notice question on this matter which the Hon. Minister for Education 12–10 p.m. has agreed to answer on Wednesday. We have got the relevant rules regarding half-hour debate and one-hour debate on urgent matters of public importance and I do not know why the hon. Member has brought this subject in the form of an adjournment motion. Probably, he himself is convinced that it does not come under the rules regarding adjournment motions."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I have given notice of this adjournment motion so that the urgent and immediate attention of the Hon. the Minister for Education may be drawn to it. I will explain the circumstances in one or two minutes. Of course, the short notice question on this subject will be coming up on Wednesday but the matter is so urgent that about 16,000 teachers and their families are starving for the simple reason that the Treasury Officer has issued directions to all Sub-Treasuries to refuse to encash the salary bills of Aided Elementary School teachers."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I do sympathize with the hon. Member but we have got to follow certain rules. If I have to rule it out of order, it does not mean that I have no sympathy for the starving families."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, as far as this matter is concerned, if it was a fact and if it had been brought to my notice, I would have taken action even without an adjournment motion. It is only the craze for publicity that has induced the hon. Member Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar to bring it up in the form of an adjournment motion. But, as far as this matter is concerned, the hon. Member Sri M. Narayana Kurup has given a short notice question and I have waived notice and as soon as the facts are ready? I shall answer the question. Apart from this, I shall take immediate action to find out whether it is a fact and see that the salaries are disbursed as early as possible."

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* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I am glad that the Hon. the Minister for Education has assured that immediate action will be taken. But, on a point of personal explanation, I would like to say that telegraphic representations were made to the Hon. Minister as well as to the Government. A written representation was also made by the President of the Malabar Elementary School Teachers' Association, a copy of which I have in my hand. Unfortunately, the Government have not taken any action so far. It is for this reason that I have brought forward this adjournment motion and not for publicity purposes."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I would like to know whether the hon. Member is pressing his motion."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the assurance given by the Hon. the Minister for Education, I am not pressing the motion."

(2) ARREST AND BEATING OF PEASANTS (IN KADAYANALLUR) BY THE ARMED RESERVE POLICE.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri C. Kandasami has given notice of an adjournment motion which runs as follows :—

'This House do stand adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the indiscriminate arrest of a large number of peasants and subjecting them to severe beating by the Armed Reserve Police in the village of Kadayanallur in Tirunelveli district on 12th February 1955.'

" I must again repeat what I have said previously, namely, the House will be given an opportunity by way of half-hour debates and one-hour debates to discuss such matters. When there are such opportunities, I cannot understand why the hon. Member has brought forward this matter under adjournment motions, i.e., adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance."

* SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, திருநெல்வேலி ஜில்லா, கடையநல்லூர் கிராமத்தில் நடந்த ஒரு சம்பவம் உடனடியாகக் கவனிக்கப்படவேண்டிய ஒரு விஷயமாக இருக்கிறது. அதற்கு சட்டபூர்வமான நிவாரணம் எப்படிக் கிடைக்கும் என்பதை புரிந்துகொள்ள முடியவில்லை. ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட நபரின்மேல் ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட நிர்வாக அதிகாரி தலையிட்டு ஏதாவது செய்திருந்தால் உடனே சட்டபூர்வமாக நிவாரணம் கோர முடியும்.

" விஷயம் என்னவென்றால், கடையநல்லூரிலிருக்கும் விவசாயிகள் தங்களுக்கு மூன்றிலொரு பங்கு வாரம் கிடைப்பதற்கு வகை செய்யவேண்டுமென்று சம்பந்தப்பட்ட உத்தியோகஸ்தரிடம் மகஜர் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள். சம்பந்தப்பட்ட அரசாங்க அதிகாரிகள் அதில் ஒரு முடிவுக்கு வரவில்லை. ஆனால் வயலில் அறுவடை செய்துகொண்டிருக்கும்போது ஏராளமான விவசாயிகளை போலீசார் கைது செய்து, பிறகு அவர்களை அடித்திருக்கிறார்கள். அதிகாரிகள் வெகு ஜனங்களுக்கெதிராக நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கும்போது என்ன செய்வதென்பது புரியவில்லை.

" விவசாயிகளை ரிசர்வ் போலீசார் அடித்திருக்கிறார்கள். ரிசர்வ் போலீஸ் அங்கு முகாம் போட்டிருக்கிறது. இப்படி ஜனங்களை பயமுறுத்தக்கூடிய முறையில் அரசாங்கம் நடந்துகொள்ளும்போது, அங்கிருக்கக்கூடிய விவ